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In re application of
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 169155/1996 is disclosed on page 3 in the specification of the above-identified application. Additionally, English language abstract 08169155 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 169155/1996.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 71009/1997 and 291506/1999 are disclosed on page 41 in the specification of the above-identified application. Additionally, English language abstracts 09071009 and 11291506 constitute concise statements of relevance of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 71009/1997 and 291506/1999, respectively.

Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Publication Hei. 3-49236 discloses an automatic paper supplying device including 1; a feeding tray, 4; a cut paper, 5; a receiving board, 8; a paper guide, 9; a roll paper, 10; a supporting shaft; 11; a fixing groove and 16; an accommodating groove.

Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Publication Hei. 4-34274 discloses a tape winding reel including 1 and 2; side board, 3; a flange portion and 4; a winding core.

English language abstracts 0986004 and 08169580 constitute concise statements of relevance of JPA Nos. 9-86004 and 8-169580, respectively.

Japanese Office Action 095160, dated April 5, 2000, cites references 3-49236, 4-34274, 9-86004 and 8-169580.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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